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In the Claims:

Claims 89-106 are pending in this application, replacing newly cancelled claims 51-88.

1. – 50. (cancelled)

51. – 88. (cancelled)

89. (new) A method of sending messages from a web server to a parent application running on a client machine, the parent application having an embedded browser that communicates with the web server, the method including:

the parent application intercepting a web page sent from the web server to the embedded browser, the web page including one or more special key tags encoded with instructions to the parent application, wherein the special key tags are not HTML formatting tags;

the parent application responding to the encoded instructions by triggering a special behavior of the parent application, distinct from displaying the web page; and

the embedded browser displaying at least part of the web page other than the special key tags.

90. (new) The method of claim 89, further including the parent application removing the special key tags from the web page and passing the revised web page to the embedded browser for display.

91. (new) The method of claim 89, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, running code accessible to the client machine as instructed by the special key tags, wherein the code is not part of the embedded browser and not downloaded with the web page.

92. (new) The method of claim 89, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, presenting a set-up dialogue to configure the parent application.

93. (new) The method of claim 89, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, presenting a set-up dialogue to configure the parent application.

94. (new) The method of claim 89, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, modifying a system registry entry corresponding to the parent

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application.

95. (new) The method of claim 94, wherein the system registry entry includes at least one name/value pair.

96. (new) The method of claim 89, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, customizing the web page with user-specific information accessible to the parent application and not provided in the intercepted web page.

97. (new) The method of claim 89, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, invoking a handler routine responsive to instructions in auxiliary information that is part of the special key tags.

98. (new) A parent application adapted to receive messages from a web server by intercepting them, the parent application including:

an embedded browser, embedded in the parent application; and
computer-implemented logic adapted to:

intercept a web page from the web server addressed to the embedded browser, the web page including one or more special key tags encoded with instructions to the parent application, wherein the special key tags are not HTML formatting tags;

trigger special behavior of the parent application in response to the encoded instructions, distinct from displaying the web page; and

pass to the embedded browser at least part of the intercepted web page for the embedded browser to display.

99. (new) The method of claim 98, further including the parent application removing the special key tags from the web page and passing the revised web page to the browser for display.

100. (new) The method of claim 98, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, running code accessible to the client machine as instructed by the special key tags, wherein the code is not part of the embedded browser and not downloaded with the web page.

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101. (new) The method of claim 98, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, presenting a set-up dialogue to configure the parent application.

102. (new) The method of claim 98, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, presenting a set-up dialogue to configure the parent application.

103. (new) The method of claim 98, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, modifying a system registry entry corresponding to the parent application.

104. (new) The method of claim 103, wherein the system registry entry includes at least one name/value pair.

105. (new) The method of claim 98, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, customizing the web page with user-specific information accessible to the parent application and not provided in the intercepted web page.

106. (new) The method of claim 98, further including, as the special behavior of the parent application, invoking a handler routine responsive to instructions in auxiliary information that is part of the special key tags.